

Gamboa Canal Zone
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Hello Cap.

I have been watching the papers and noted where you were in the market for some ball players,I would have written sooner but was trying to wait until I was sure that you would be North,not knowing your address I am sending this to the Newark Ball Park hoping that you will get it soon after it reaches Newark.

Cap I have sent three ball players to the Cubans this year,one is one of the boys I wanted to send you three years ago his name is Greenadge when you see him you will wish you had him now.I ~~xxxxxxx~~ I have also recommended three to the Phila.Stars and I am sure that Chief will take them,now I am recommending two players to you,both men are outfielders and both can hit the hell out of the ball one plays rightfield and the other plays leftfield.They have their passports ready and are in shape right now they are playing a Series with Venezuela and are on top of them and they have three players that are suppose to go to the Big "how as soon as they finish the series in Panama.You said before that it wasn't right to bring men from other countries when there were so many men in the States that could do as well,now I know that all ball Clubs are being hit by this war and I hope that you will answer as soon as you can about these boys.I have been watching playing and Coaching baseball for 25 years and I am recommending these two boys highly knowing if you do take them you will be thanking me for a long time.

I have told them that I could get them a hundred and thirtyfive dollars (135.00) a month to start and if they proved themselves they would get more and I know that if you could get ball players as good you would pay them twice as much The big item is their fare by plane but if the other club owners can do it so can Abe Manley.This is what I think you would have to do to get them in see the Immigration authorities and send contracts here which I will get signed and pay the fare and the company will let them know when to pick up the tickets and they will be all set.

Sure hope that this is clear to you because you dont have too much time to do buisness in to make things move ~~xxxxx~~ quicker,Cap send me a cable if you can use the men and when you want them to be ready to leave here and I will have them get ready for you.Any thing you dont understand ask Pompey and he will tell you just what you have to do to get the ball players in because he has done it before,these same boys played in Cuba last fall and were offered contracts but didnt want to stay in Cuba but I have asked them already if they would like to play in the States and they have assured me that they would if you get them they will be the best one two punch in your League outside of Josh and Buck.Let Wells read this and tell him I say to take the men I havent never given a man a wrong tip yet.Give my regards to Mrs. Manley and heres hoping you have a wonderful season.

As Always

Frank

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